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**Moore County Health Department & Partners Conduct  
Community Health Assessment**

The Moore County Health Department and MooreHealth, Inc. are teaming up to conduct the 2013 Moore County Community Health Assessment. A key component of the assessment is a community health opinion survey. On April 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> Public Health staff, along with student volunteers from the Sandhills Community College Allied Health Program, will conduct door-to-door surveys throughout the County to get citizens' thoughts on the most pressing health needs in our community. Using tax mapping and GIS information systems, households will be selected at random to participate in this survey. Questions asked on this survey will include identifying the major health problems in the County and access to healthcare. All data collected in this survey is anonymous and will not be linked to any individual. The Moore County Amateur Radio Society will be providing supplemental communication support for this survey.

If you are approached by County Health Department staff members with proper photo identification, please take the opportunity to participate in the 10 minute survey to share your thoughts on current health issues and how the community is addressing them. The surveys will be conducted on Thursday and Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm until 7:00pm, and Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am until 2:00pm.

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The Community Health Assessment process takes place every three years and is required of all health departments in North Carolina. In addition to the health opinion survey, other components include collecting state and nationally maintained data such as leading causes of death and incidence of chronic diseases.

Additionally, the Community Health Assessment Steering Committee is collecting data about community services, utilization of those services, and locally driven public health initiatives. Key community leaders of Moore County will also be asked to provide their input regarding the health of Moore County.

The Moore County Health Department will continue its partnership efforts over 2013 and present a comprehensive report to the community in late 2013. At that time, utilizing input from community residents and local leaders, community health priorities to address major community health issues will be selected to focus on for the next three years. For more information about the Community Health Assessment, please contact the Health Department at 947-3300.

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